

Post Shorts

Holiday gate hours

There will be reduced gate operations at Aberdeen Proving Ground for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area (APG-North) and the Wise Road Gate in the Edgewood Area (APG-South) will close at their normal times Wednesday, Nov. 24, and remain closed until 5 a.m. Monday, Nov. 29.

The Maryland Gate in the Aberdeen Area and the Route 24 Gate in the Edgewood Area will be open throughout the holiday weekend.

FMWR holiday hours

Visit <http://www.apg.army.mil/APGHome/sites/local/index.cfm> for a full listing of FMWR facility hours for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Health Clinic sets holiday hours

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

For medical services on the weekends, holidays and after hours, call staff duty at 443-807-0725. The staff duty officer will coordinate your care with the referral management office.

Authorization or a referral will be required to avoid point-of-service copayment charges. Emergency room care will not require a referral.

Parenting class set

Parenting children ages 6 to 12 is a tough job. Why do it alone? The ACS Family Advocacy Program is offering 'Parenting Ages 6 - 12' classes Thursday, Dec. 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the ACS Center, Bldg. 2503, Highpoint Road. Call 410-278-7478 for more information and to register.

Federal Impact Aid survey forms due

Federal Impact Aid is a federal program that provides funding for a portion of the costs associated with educating children of military personnel. Harford County Public Schools will be accepting Federal Impact Aid survey forms through Nov. 30.

All Aberdeen Proving Ground Families with school aged children enrolled in Harford County Public Schools can fill out the Impact Aid survey.

Visit www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/impactaid/index.html.

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

A fond farewell

A workman walks past the barrel of Anzio Annie as it awaits shipment to Fort Lee, Va. The German-made gun which shelled the Anzio, Italy, beachhead during World War II, was captured by Allied forces and shipped in 1945 to Aberdeen Proving Ground, where it has been an Ordnance Museum attraction for more than half a century. Annie was dismantled in four large pieces for the haul to the new home of Ordnance in Virginia. Read more about the historic end-of-an-era move in next week's APG News.

Library offering military section

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Local military Families have a new source for information.

The Cecil County Library launched a new collection of resources at its Perryville branch Nov. 12.

The collection is located in the chil-

dren's section and contains materials that address the unique situations that military Families face, like dealing with deployments, homecomings, multiple moves and more. The collection also contains books on the current war in Iraq and Afghanistan and American history books.

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Hannah Beale, daughter of a local U.S. service member, creates an art project during the launch of a collection of resources for military Families at the library in neighboring Perryville Nov. 12.

CFC hoping to hit half-million dollar mark

CFC Office

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Combined Federal Campaign Office has received pledges exceeding \$245,000 from over 560 donors, for an average pledge of \$437, as of Nov. 18.

"Our goal is raise \$485,000 to help support local, national and international charities," said Lesley Bell, APG CFC chairperson.

Online pledging is available to all APG employees via the pledging link on the APG website at: www.apg.army.mil/apghome. Once there, simply scroll down to the CFC thermometer and click on the "Online CFC Pledging" link.

The CFC Online Silent Auction will continue through Dec. 8 (go to the APG website and click on the "CFC Online Silent Auction" link next to the CFC thermometer). Items currently up for bids include: three framed limited edition Christopher White prints; an official Rawlings National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four basketball autographed by Harlem Globetrotter legend Meadowlark Lemon; a limited edition Cal Ripken/Tony Gwynn Hall of Fame induction bat (#54 of 500); and, a framed "Cooperstown Collection" of classic Major League Baseball pins, including but not limited to: Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Giants, Washington Senators, St. Louis Browns (who became the Baltimore Orioles), etc. You can register and bid any item at www.apg.army.mil/AKOSSO-prompt/CFCSilentAuction.cfm.

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Want to submit? Find out how

APG News staff report

The APG News is your community newspaper.

As such, we welcome your input. We are devoted to making this publication one of the most accurate, informative, and credible newspapers throughout the Department of Defense.

As family members, civilians, contractors, and service members, you deserve the most complete coverage available.

In order to provide this coverage, we rely on you—our readers—to keep us informed about the activities of your organizations, units, schools, and neighborhoods.

We welcome story ideas, feedback, and submissions. I say submissions because despite our desire to publish what's most important to you, it is impossible for us to cover every event.

So, in order to help you to help us, we have provided the following simple guidelines:

Story ideas, feedback, and

submissions can be submitted directly to the editor, Adriane Foss, at editor-apg@conus.army.mil or by calling 410-278-1150 / DSN 298-1150.

Please include contact information so that we can reach you with questions or to clarify information. If you are submitting a story idea, state why you think the topic is important to our readership.

Copy preparation:

- Items should be double-spaced, in upper and low-

ercase letters (not all capital letters), and submitted via e-mail in a Word, or comparable, document.

- Use civilian-style dates, times, and street addresses. If a facility has no street name, use the abbreviation "Bldg." and the number.

- Always include first names when identifying individuals. Don't use courtesy titles such as Mr., Miss., Mrs., or Ms. After using a person's full name, all references to that person there-

after should be by last name only, regardless of rank or position of authority.

- Articles are due Thursdays – seven days before publication – by noon. It is distributed on Thursdays. The next issue will come out Dec. 2. That means submissions must be in by noon Thursday, Nov. 25. In order to fulfill our contractual obligations, we must meet the deadlines of our civilian enterprise publisher.

- **Community Notes** are due Fridays – six days before publication – by noon. Community Notes are a listing of just some of the many events and activities going on in the surrounding community.

- **Post Shorts** are due Fridays – six days before publication – by noon. Post Shorts are briefs that inform readers of what's happening on the installation. The Shorts include everything from traffic and construction updates to facility hours and

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APG welcomes new editor

The APG News has a new staff member.

Adriane Foss, a native of New Bern, N.C., has assumed the duties of newspaper editor.

Foss, who previously served as the Fort Knox community relations officer, began her career in journalism more than 15 years ago.



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COMMANDER’S CORNER

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Reflect on how far we’ve come

By
MAJ. GEN. NICK JUSTICE
U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground Commanding General

This week Americans gather with family and friends to celebrate a distinctly American holiday: Thanksgiving. It is the time of year to remember how far we’ve come and to give thanks for our blessings. When you think about the first American Thanksgiving, there are many parallels to our missions at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Consider that the pilgrims were pioneers. As the Army’s future center for science and technology, our mission defines us as pioneers as well.



We are exploring new ground, claiming new territory and expanding the bounds of human knowledge. The pilgrims arrived on this continent with similar goals and aspirations. Life was dangerous for these pioneers. They faced many challenges. The lessons we take away from their experiences are still valid today. Our forefathers had to make do with what they had. Out of necessity, they were creative in making their resources last. Last week, we talked about the importance of partnership. Think about how the pilgrims reached out to Native Americans to forge critical partnerships. Their very survival relied on the goodwill and friendship of Native Americans. We also need to reach out to fellow units at APG and beyond to seek out partnerships that will sustain us. The pilgrims were economical, efficient and resourceful. They were skilled

workers, artisans and farmers. They used their skills to collaborate for the good of the entire community. We can learn from their experience. As we look back at the accomplishments of 2010, it is obvious we have come a long way. We’re conducting ribbon-cutting ceremonies at new facilities. New buildings are nearing completion. Organizations are unfurling their colors and calling APG home. Road workers are enhancing the infrastructure of the region with a \$42.6 million project outside Gate 715. More than 100 new employees join Team APG each week. The pace of our transformation is increasing. The Army continues to invest resources, people and effort in making Aberdeen Proving Ground a megabase for the future. We have much for which to be thankful. The first Thanksgiving brought together people from different rac-

es, cultures and backgrounds to share resources and build relationships. Again, these are concepts we must embrace. We must adopt the spirit of explorers and pioneers to realize our vision for the future. As Americans, we are forever thankful for the blessings of “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” As Soldiers, and the civilians who support them, we are also thankful our efforts in some way empower, unburden and protect the Warfighter. I encourage you to savor this holiday. Take a moment to give thanks for what we have. Tell your family members and coworkers how much you appreciate them. Your celebration of Thanksgiving is an affirmation of our continued shared success. On behalf of Team APG, I wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving and best wishes during this holiday season. Army Strong!

Post highlights Native history, culture

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Native American history and culture was celebrated during the Aberdeen Proving Ground annual observance of National American Indian Heritage Month at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Nov. 17. The event, hosted by APG’s Native American Employment Program committee, featured musical performances, a food tasting and remarks by guest speaker Robert “Bob” Gajdys, a veteran and former commissioner of Indian Affairs for the federal government. During the event a traditional Native American dance was performed by Aaron Rosenkrans. Music was provided by a Native American flute circle, comprised of Barbara Tarczynski, from the U.S. Army Development Test Command; Roger Bennett and Jerry Brown from the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center. The musicians played songs using a variety of flutes. The flute circle also played “catch,” throwing the melody back and forth. Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG garrison commander gave welcoming remarks. Ortiz said that cultural events are important because they give the community a chance to celebrate the achievements of a group of people that have added so much to the nation. He added that since the Revolutionary War, Native Americans and Alaskan natives have played an important role in defending the United States’ freedom and security. Gajdys’ spoke about what the theme of the event, “Life is Sacred – Celebrate Healthy Native Communities,” meant for him. “What it means to me as a Mohawk is that I live a

sacred life,” he said. “(A life) that is highly valued by my family, my clan, my tribe and my nation, and the president of my nation.” Gajdys said that respect for life is very important in the Native American culture, and when he was a young man he went on a vision quest, where he spent several days alone in the wilderness. He said that from that experience he learned that everything had a spirit. “Every day of my life I have to get in harmony with my spirit, with nature,” he said. “We are a part of nature and nature is a part of us.” Gajdys said he feels that it’s his responsibility to share his sacred life with his fellow man. “Just think what the world would be like if we could give instead of take, love instead of hate,” he said. “We could respect other’s views instead of demanding our own. We could respect nature. We probably wouldn’t have as many environmental problems as we do now.” Gajdys added that Native Americans have a long tradition of serving in the U.S. military, noting their patriotism and similarities in the warrior-ethos. “Before many of us were actually citizens of the United States we fought in wars,” he explained. “Part of my sacred life is the years I spent in the U.S. Army.” Attendees also viewed cultural displays. Rosenkrans and her mother Debbie talked to attendees about Native American regalia. Rosenkrans, who is part Cherokee Indian, said she enjoys performing at events so others will know more about her culture. “It helps people learn about other cultures, helps to get rid of stereotypes,” Rosenkrans said.

Aaron Rosenkrans performs a traditional Native dance at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Nov. 18.



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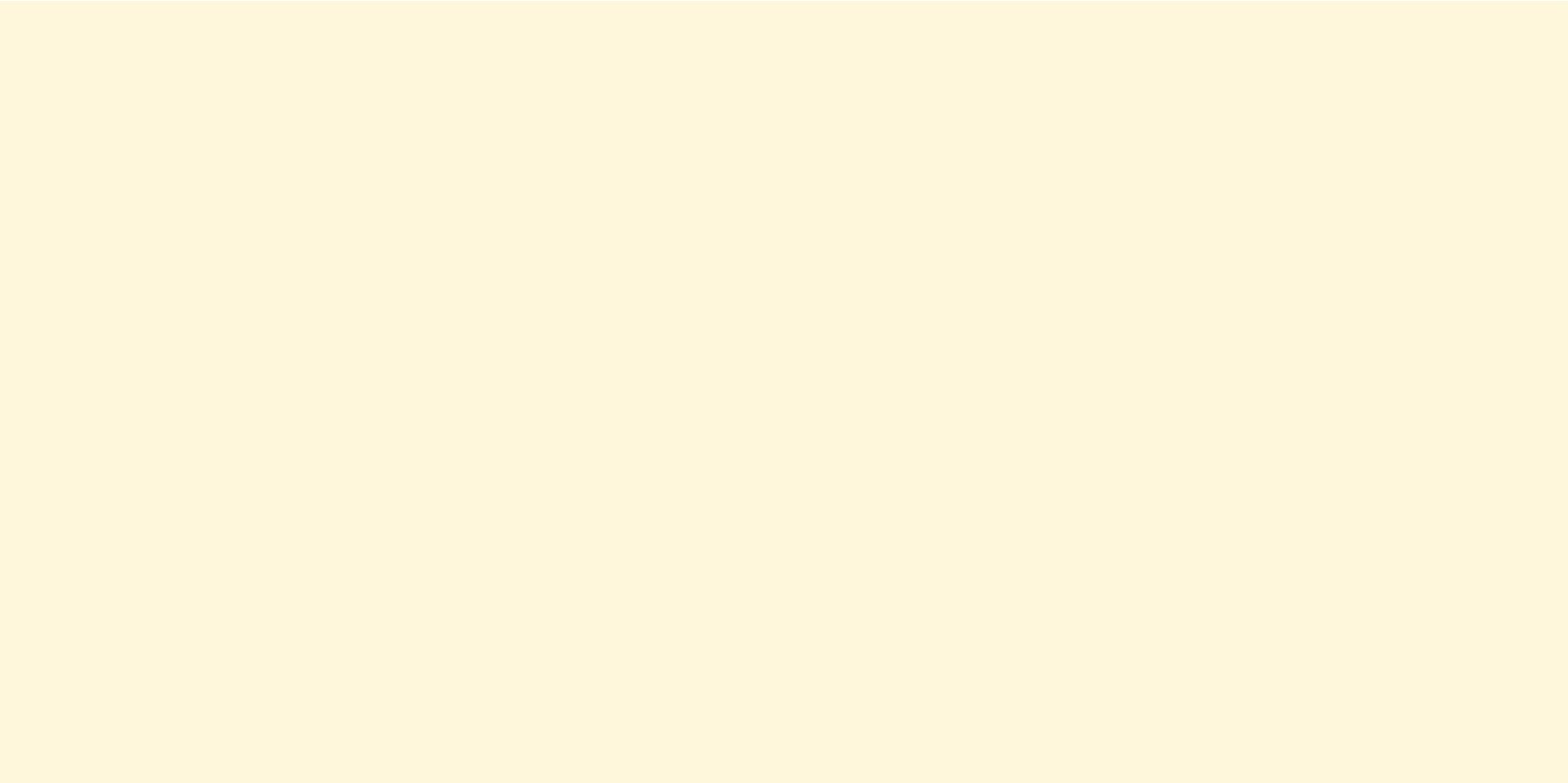
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FROM THE GARRISON



Think of our warfighters this season

By
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Garrison Commander

Tomorrow we pause to give thanks for the good that has come our way over the last year. While I believe doing so is appropriate, I also ask you to look ahead and think about the future and the great promise that exists here. We can certainly find something to be thankful for as we look at what is in store for APG and our community.

In the Army we talk a lot about setting the conditions for success and shaping events to achieve the outcome we desire. The last few years have brought a lot of change to APG. The coming year will bring even more, and at a faster pace, but change takes a toll even when it's good for us. It's smart to be as ready for it as we can, so consider this framework for looking ahead.

First, you need to be here for it. I don't have to tell you the sad statistics of suicides in the Army. Nor do I have to remind you that it is not a problem limited to Soldiers. Many of us have had suicide prevention training and there is no shortage of literature, videos, etc. on the subject. Put those skills to use. Be on the lookout for changes

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in yourself or others that could signal a change. Step up to the problem wherever you find it and take action. Next year someone could be giving thanks that you did.

Another place to put skills to use and take action is safety. The front page of last week's APG News gave us a graphic reminder of that with a photo of a car accident that took place right here.

Along with the holiday season comes changes in weather, more trips to see friends and family or just to shop. We have a lot of new people at APG, and many are new to the area. All these factors and many, many more can contribute to an accident. Make sure you're here to give thanks next year by playing it safe this year.

Once we make sure we're going to

be here next year, we want to make sure we are in a proper frame of mind to give thanks. Installation Management Command Commander Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch wrote about resiliency in these pages last week. If you missed that column I encourage you to find a copy of last week's paper or read it on the APG News web site.

It talks about putting mental, emotional and spiritual fitness on par with your physical fitness to find your balance and build your resiliency. Doing so will help you deal with the change that is coming and, if our best efforts fail, the effects of any negative events you may encounter in the coming year.

Next, take a few moments to think about what kind of positive events you would like to be thankful for next year.

Think about who and what you value. Think about where you want to be next year in your career and in your personal life. Then think about what it's going to take to get you there. Think big or think small, it doesn't matter. The important thing is to think, and to think positively.

If I can influence what you think about, I would ask that you think about how you support our Warfighters. If you're reading this you're part of the greater APG community, which means you will have a chance to support our Warfighters, whether by helping invent something they need, giving blood or sending a single Warfighter a letter of thanks. It all matters, because it all helps our Soldiers.

That brings me to my last point. Whether you're thinking about the year behind us or the year ahead, give thanks for our Warfighters. Many will spend their Thanksgiving away from home again this year, keeping us safe so we have the luxury of turning our thoughts completely away from war. That's their job and I can tell you they are proud to do it. We should be proud of – and thankful for – them and their service. Have a wonderful holiday.

Services meet with recruiting success

Story by
ELAINE WILSON
American Forces Press Service

Defense Department officials announced the services' recruiting and retention numbers for the first month of the new fiscal year, as well as a change in the way they report recruiting numbers to the public.

The services already are off to a good start, with both active and reserve components meeting or exceeding their year-to-date accession goals, Curtis Gilroy, the Pentagon's accession policy director, said.

Gilroy attributes the services' recruiting success, in part, to the economy but also cites other significant factors, such as patriotism.

"The improved situation in Iraq and continued support from Congress also greatly enhance recruiting efforts," he said. "Patriotism is one of the contributing factors to recruiting success as well, as 4 out of 10 new Army recruits cite 'service to country' for their reason for enlisting."

Within the active duty, the Army made 103 percent of its goal with 6,643 recruits against a target of 6,425. The

Navy made 100 percent of its goal with 2,291 recruits. The Marine Corps made 100 percent of its goal with 2,457 recruits against a goal of 2,448. The Air Force also made 100 percent of its goal with 1,511 recruits.

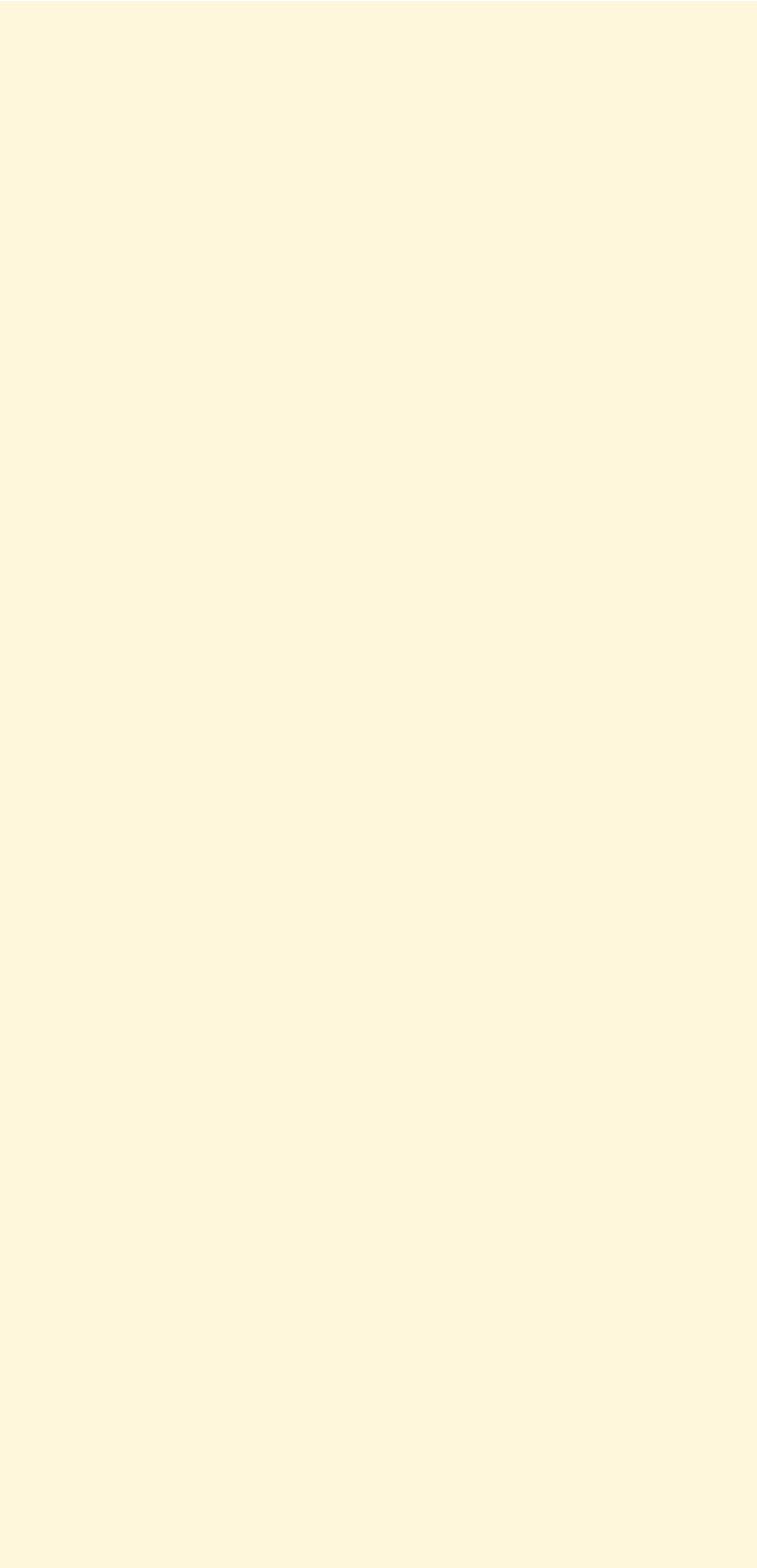
The Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force retentions are near or above the fiscal year-to-date goals through October, officials said.

Within the reserve components, the Army National Guard made 110 percent of its accession goal, signing up 4,973 recruits against 4,504. The Army

Reserve made 108 percent of its goal with 2,774 accessions against 2,557. The Navy Reserve met its goal of 665 accessions. The Marine Corps Reserve was successful, making 130 percent of its goal with 1,154 accessions against a goal of 889.

The Air National Guard made 135 percent its goal of 541 with 729 recruits, and the Air Force Reserve made 101 percent of its goal with 769 recruits against a goal of 760.

As for attrition rates, losses in all reserve components were within acceptable limits, officials said.



Gospel congregation aids Haitians

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

This month, members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Gospel Congregation led a project to help Haitian children in need.

Members filled 56 empty backpacks with toys, school supplies, clothes, shoes and more.

The backpacks were donated to Hope for Haiti, a 20-year-old non-profit organization formed to improve the quality of life for Haitian people, particularly children, through education, nutrition and health care.

Deneen Henson, youth ministries director for the installation's Gospel congregation, said that in April she felt a need to help the Haitian people in response to the massive earthquake which devastated the country earlier this year.

"The Lord gave me a calling to help the people of Haiti," she said.

Henson said that APG chapel funds



Courtesy photo

(From left) Grace Harris-Ceballos and Martha Harris-Ceballos fill a backpack with supplies and toys. The backpacks were donated to Hope for Haiti, a non-profit organization formed to improve the quality of life for Haitian people.

were used to purchase backpacks and a few supplies.

Members of the Gospel congregation,

as well as some members of the Catholic and Protestant congregations purchased items for donation.

Local Scout enhances post

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

A joint beautification project has resulted in the beautification of the grounds around the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center.

Members of the Parent Child Care Association and employees of Child, Youth and School Services joined Boy Scout Troop 965 to put the final changes on the project Nov. 6, after more than a year of planning and coordination.

Mac Placzankis, a 15-year-old local Boy Scout, assumed responsibility for the planning and coordination of the operation as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Redevelopment of the area included weeding, mulching, removal of dead bushes and the installation of a blue crab structure and ornamental stepping-stones.

The project received more than \$800 in private donations and PCCA funds toward the project.

Placzankis, a former CDC child and GEMS student, said he learned about the need for redevelopment of the area through Dr. Sandy Young of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory. Young is a PCCA member and the leader of GEMS, which stands for Gains in the Education of Math and Science.

Planning began in September 2009, said Placzankis as he led the 10 Scouts, six adult leaders and eight volunteers.

"I've been working on the project book over a year but the actual work began today," he said. "When it's completed, I'll do the final write-up and the Scoutmaster will schedule a review."

He said the near-100 man-hours involved in just the planning phase of a project of this magnitude tests the leadership skills of prospective Eagle Scouts.

"It grows your decision-making skills, that's for sure," he said.

Young said what began as a small gardening project became much larger than anticipated. She said the PCCA "kept plugging away," making some progress but not nearly enough until the Scouts got involved. She credited Placzankis for his "great collaboration" and seeing the



Mac Placzankis, left, and fellow Troop 965 Scout Ryan Beatty break ground near the entrance of the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center, where volunteers from the PCCA and CYSS organizations helped work on Placzankis' Eagle Scout beautification project.

project through.

"This is the result of so many organizations coming together," she said.

"He's done a ton of work and a great job."

Placzankis is the son of Brian Placzankis of ARL. His mother, Linda, is a former CDC worker. Linda said her son attended the CDC when she

worked there for a year after relocating to APG during the last base realignment and closure in 1994.

"He's never really been afraid to try anything," she said of her son's efforts. "This has been a long process and I'm proud of him for that. He's grown and matured and learned more about adulthood and I think it's great that he's come back to help a place he remembers from his childhood."

"It's been an incredible experience," said father Brian. "He hasn't had a lot of exposure to projects like this but the last few months he picked it up with an impressive effort. He really took it to heart because he knows this place."

FMWR hosting holiday contests

Story by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host two holiday celebrations for members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community Dec. 8 and Dec. 14 at the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Recreation Centers.

The APG Festival of Trees and Holiday Celebration events will consist of tree decorating and Gingerbread House competitions and feature a post tree-lighting ceremony, live entertainment, photos with Santa, storytelling, children's crafts, family activities and refreshments.

Festivities will start 4:30 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326 Dec. 8 and at the EA Recreation Center, Bldg. E4140 Dec. 14. The tree decorating competition lasts from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Participating groups must bring their ornaments and decorations. They will have 30 minutes to complete their projects.

Gingerbread House competition entrants should bring their completed project for set-up in the Recreation Center by 4:30 p.m.

The events are open to all APG service members, civilians, contractors, retirees and Family members.

Those desiring to participate in the tree decorating or Gingerbread House competitions should contact the AA Recreation Center at 410-278-2621 or e-mail joyce.founds@us.army.mil no later than Nov. 29.

When responding, provide the representative or organization name, phone number, e-mail and location choice.

Call 410-278-2621 or e-mail Joyce Founds at joyce.founds@us.army.mil to register or for more information.

“He’s never really been afraid to try anything”

Linda Placzankis
Mother of Mac Placzankis



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Shop the Holiday Bazaar and Dickens Village Nov. 30, Dec. 1

Enjoy shopping at the Holiday Bazaar and “Dickens Village,” 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326. Be entertained by strolling carolers and enjoy the sites of Dickens Village.

Vendors will be on hand selling crafts, gift and holiday items, to include home-made baked goods. Admission is Free. Vendor applications are currently being accepted. Stay-at-home moms and local organizations are welcome.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907.

Christmas Boutique, Candlelight Tour slated in December

The Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House located on 817 Conestee Street, Havre de Grace will hold a Christmas Boutique, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 11 and noon to 8 p.m., Dec. 12.

Purchase handcrafted gifts, decorations, and quilts. Visit the Gourmet Room for baked breads, cakes, candies and more. There will also be a silent auction and a raffle.

Tickets are available for the 38th annual Candlelight Tour. The tour will be held noon to 8 p.m., Dec. 12 and starts at the Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House.

Tickets cost \$14 per person and include a tour of homes with historical value and unique architectural styles from different periods in the city’s history.

Caroling and light refreshments will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are limited, order them now.

To purchase tickets, visit the MWR Leisure Travel Services at the AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907.

Freestyle motorcross event

Come see Nuclear Cowboy, the greatest cast of freestyle motocross riders ever, assemble and take their apocalyptic power to the massive ramps, conveying the action-packed narrative through choreographed, synchronized awe-inspiring tricks and the Nuclear CowgirlzSM Dancers.

The event will take place Jan. 15 at the 1st Mariner Arena in Baltimore. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$19. All seats are located in Section 217.

To purchase a ticket, visit MWR Leisure Travel Services at the AA Recreation

Center, Bldg. 3326. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil

For more information and seating chart, visit <https://www.baltimorearena.com/>

Group seeking talent for community theater

The APG Community Theater Group needs actors, singers, dancers, comedians, musicians, choral, stage crew (sound, lighting, photography and more).

For more information, call or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Daily bus trips to Atlantic City now cost \$29 per person

The cost of the daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino has increased to \$29 per person.

Only for ages 21 and over. The bus will leave Vitali’s Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood 9 a.m. and return 9 p.m. Seating is limited and sells quickly. Seats must be purchased at least two weeks in advance.

For more information, contact MWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGRUSAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

2010 White House ornament sale

FMWR Leisure Travel Services is selling the latest White House ornaments for \$17, but supplies are limited. The 2010 White House Christmas Ornament is in honor of William McKinley’s 25th presidency and celebrates the role of music in the traditions of the White House. Visit www.whitehousehistory.org/ for more information.

For more information or to purchase an ornament, call 410-278-4011/4907, MWR Leisure Travel Services at the AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Army’s Shades of Green now offers Disney Parks program for military

The Shades of Green — an Armed Forces Recreation Center located on the Walt Disney World Resort — now offers the Disney Parks’ “Let the Memories Begin” program for military personnel, providing special offers on theme park tickets and accommodations.

On Shades of Green, through Sept. 28, 2011, active and retired U.S. military

personnel (including active and retired members of the United States Coast Guard, National Guard and Reservists) or their spouses can purchase:

- Disney 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets with Park Hopper Option for \$138 each, plus tax,
- Disney 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets with Water Parks Fun and More Option for \$138 each, plus tax, and/or
- Disney 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets with Park Hopper and Water Parks Fun and More Options for \$165 each, plus tax.

In addition, Shades of Green will offer a 3 day, 4 night Veteran’s Day room package that includes three breakfast and dinner buffets (double occupancy) during the month of November. Children 9 years old and younger eat free.

Armed Forces Recreation Centers are managed by the Army’s Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, and offer resort-style accommodations to eligible military patrons and their Families on a sliding scale—making first-class vacations affordable for service members of all ranks. Eligibility requirements apply.

For more information, or to make room reservations, call 407-824-3400. Information is also available online at www.shadesofgreen.org or www.ArmyMWR.com.

Medieval Times discount tickets available through Leisure Travel

The Leisure Travel Office has discount tickets for Medieval Times Dinner and Tournaments located at Arundel Mills Mall, 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, Md.

Tickets cost \$39.25 per adult and \$32 per child (ages 3 to 12). Reservations must be made at the time of purchase; other locations available upon request. All prices and savings are based on the final cost to include all taxes and fees. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Visit the MWR Leisure Travel Office, Bldg. 3326, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Discount tickets for APG Tickets available for Toby’s Dinner Theatre

Toby’s Dinner Theatre has two locations: Best Western Hotel and Conference Center located on 5625 O’Donnell Street, Baltimore and 4900 Symphony Woods Road, Columbia, Md. (South Entrance Road between Route 29 and Little Patuxent Parkway). Shows are open to all DoD ID cardholders.

Baltimore shows

A Christmas Carol, through Jan. 2, 2011. Sunday through Thursday, tickets cost \$47.50 per person for adults and \$33.50 for children; Fridays, tickets cost \$50 per person for adults and \$34.75 for children; Saturdays, tickets cost \$52 per person for adults and \$34.75 for children; and Sunday Matinees cost \$47 per person for adults and \$33.50 for children.

Columbia shows

Upcoming shows include “Hairspray”, through Aug. 10, 2011; Nunsense, Sept. 23 through Sept. 9, 2011; Rent, Sept. 23 through Sept. 9, 2011; and Cinderella, Nov. 18 through Jan. 23, 2011.

Sunday through Thursday, tickets cost \$45.50 per person for adults and \$32 for children; Fridays, tickets cost \$47 per person for adults and \$32.75 for children; Saturdays, \$50 for all ages; and Sunday matinees: \$45 per person for adults and \$32 for children.

Prices expire June 23, 2011. Prices are subject to change without notice. Reservations must be made at the time of purchase.

Leisure Travel Services available at EA Recreation Center

Limited services are available at Leisure Travel Services, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays, at the EA Recreation Center, building E-4140.

For more information, visit or call 410-436-2713.

APG Running Club

The APG Sports and Fitness Branch has begun a Running Club for organized weekly runs. Club members meet 5 p.m. every Tuesday at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center and 5 p.m. every Thursday at Hoyle Gym in the Edgewood Area. Dan Dolce, Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness coordinator, oversees the club. For more information, contact Dolce at 410-278-7933/7934 or e-mail, dan.dolce@us.army.mil.

SKIES Unlimited

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central Registration Office, Bldg. 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID cardholders. For an appointment, e-mail stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil.

Driver’s Ed runs through December, open to cardholders

Driver’s Education classes are scheduled Nov. 29 through Dec. 13. There are no classes on federal holidays. Classes will be held Monday thru Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. at The Ultimate Driving School, LLC, 13 North Parke Street, Aberdeen.

Classes include 30 hours classroom instruction and six hours behind the wheel instruction. The last day to register for the first class is one week prior to the first class. Students must be between the ages of 15.9 and 18. Open to all DoD ID cardholders. Driver’s Ed costs \$335 per student. Prices are subject to change without notice.

The Greatest Race

CYSS SKIES Unlimited and Missou-

la Children’s Theater (MCT) will present the production of “The Tortoise Versus The Hare: The Greatest Race,” Dec. 4.

Auditions will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Nov. 29 at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Roles are available for students in grades kindergarten through 12. Approximately 50 to 60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT tour actor/director. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.

Students wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session. The first rehearsal begins approximately 15 to 30 minutes after the audition.

All children wishing to participate must be registered with CYSS. This is a group audition - no advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time. Open to all DoD ID cardholder Family members.

To register, call the Central Registration Office, Bldg. 2503, 410-278-7571/7479;

for an appointment or for more information e-mail stacie.umbarger1@conus.army.mil or call 410-278-4589.

Martial Arts at APG present Tiny Tigers

Children ages 4 to 6 can join the Tiny Tigers Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Parent participation is required.

Instructor Sabunim Sean A. Williams will teach this program. Classes are 5:30 to 6 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, and will be held monthly.

The Tiny Tiger program is an age appropriate version of taekwondo that will help direct energy into confidence and character building skills. Students will learn traditional taekwondo techniques such as blocking, punching and kicking including “Stranger Danger”

and “Fire Safety” skills.

Unity TKD’s Tiny Tiger’s program places great emphasis on confidence and character building in all students. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited to 12 parent and child pairings, so register early.

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at <http://acpol.army.mil/employment/naf.htm> or check out AAFES Jobs link <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/> for additional job opportunities.

November bowling specials

- Early bird special: Bowl from 7 to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Anyone that bowls a turkey (three strikes in a row) will bowl that game for free.
- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl one game for \$.50 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, bowling costs \$2 per person per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.

- Each Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., children bowl for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.

New bowling rates

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Fridays, 9:30 to 11 p.m.; Cosmic Saturdays cost \$3.75 per game; and \$3 per game on Sundays.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday. Lunch delivery is available for all orders \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.

Week of Nov. 22

Special #1: Open face hot roast beef sandwich with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.95.

Special #2: Kielbasa and sauerkraut with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.50.

Week of Nov. 29

Special #1: Cheese steak wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.75.

Special #2: Chicken cheese steak wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.95.

The Bowling Center also serves breakfast. For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



Picerne urges proper recycling

Prohibited items will not be collected by waste company

Picerne Military Housing

Picerne Military Housing and Allied Waste Services are working together to make the curbside recycling program convenient for residents and to help the environment by recovering raw materials, saving energy, conserving landfill space and reducing pollution.

“Every home on post has a blue recycle bin available for the approved recyclable goods,” said Corinne Williams, Picerne Military Housing communications specialist. “Only items accepted by Allied Waste can be placed in the bins, but there is no need for separating recyclable goods within the bin, thanks to the single-stream program that allows all recyclable items to be placed together in the bin.”

Williams said it is important to note that trash cannot be put in the same container as recycled items. If a bag of trash or other household trash is in

the recycle bin, the contents cannot be recycled and the bin will not be emptied, a problem some housing residents are running into.

While it does take a small amount of effort, Williams said recycling is certainly worth the trouble. In addition to protecting our environment, it also stimulates the economy.

According to the National Recycling Coalition, recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a television for three hours and recycling a three-foot high stack of newspapers saves one tree. The Environmental Protection Agency also estimates one ton of recycled mixed paper saves the equivalent of 185 gallons of gasoline.

Picerne residents can call the Neighborhood Office or Allied Waste Services at 410-727-6161 with questions, or for more information, about the curbside recycling program.

Know the facts

Place these items in your blue cart:

- Newspapers, magazines office paper and mixed paper
- Junk mail, cereal and dry food boxes, catalogs, phone books, paper bags, packaging, white and colored paper, paperback books, file folders and envelopes
- Rinsed, coated milk and juice cartons
- Plastic containers labeled 1-7
- Aluminum and tin cans
- Glass containers (clear, brown, green)
- Flattened cardboard

The following items are NOT accepted:

- Plastic Bags, bread bags and clean, frozen food bags (labeled 4 plastic)
- Food and waste left in containers
- Shrink and soft wrap, molded Styrofoam
- “Peanuts” packaging material and loose bubble wrap
- Restroom waste papers
- Glass panels and fluorescent light bulbs
- Hazardous materials (computer and TV monitors, chemicals, paint)
- Waxed cardboard



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Movies and munchies

Mike Lupacchino, director of APG’s Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, serves Jeremiah Lawrence, 6, son of Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Lawrence, during an event hosted by Army Community Service in celebration of Military Family Appreciation Month. The free event featured a spaghetti dinner and a showing of Disney’s Toy Story 3. ACS also gave away T-shirts and other goodies. Community Policing Officer Mike Farlow also set up a booth and talked to children and parents about Internet and texting safety.

Collection offers something for everyone

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Brochures and information sheets are also available for patrons to keep.

Dale Kerns, president of the library board and North East Elementary School counselor, came up with the initial idea for the collection after attending the Military Child Education Coalition’s Workshop called “Living in the New Normal” and working with students whose parents were deployed.

Eileen Campbell, Aberdeen Proving Ground school liaison, forwarded her a suggested Bibliography for Families facing deployment. Carolyn Stepnitz, the children’s services supervisor of the Perryville branch, labored to obtain the collection and other materials donated from Army Community Services and Army OneSource.

“We created a special location in our catalog and created a spine label that says “military families” so that the materials will be easy to locate,” Stepnitz said. “We will be updating the collection on an ongoing basis.”

“This is a first in our community,” Campbell said. “This meets the needs of the Guard and Reserve living in Cecil County that may not know of the availability of APG services. “Kerns should be commended for taking the initiative, and we are excited that she will work to set up similar collections in other Cecil County libraries.”

At the launch of the collection, guests were invited to put a star on a map of the world, indicating where their loved one is deployed.

“I think it is great, the collection offers something for all ages,” said Shannon Beale, a military spouse who attended with her husband Sgt. Joseph Beale, and daughters Sarah, 10 and Hannah, 7. “It is unusual to see these resources offered off post. I am definitely going to use the collection, especially when he deploys.”

Victoria Burton, a military spouse, said that she was planning on using the material to explain to her girls the importance of the military.

“I am overwhelmed and I am very grateful that this collection exists,”

Burton said. “I want to use these books to help my girls understand that what he (their father) is doing is important.”

Burton added that she will also use the materials to teach her girls about American history.

“I want to show them why this country is so great and why it is important to fight for this country,” she said.

James Tompkins, the commander of the American Legion Post 135, also attended and said that in the future he would like his post to contribute to the collection.

“This collection is a step in the right direction,” he said. “We need to promote patriotism more in our schools and in our community.”

The Perryville library is located at 500 Coudon Blvd. Perryville, Md., 21903. Call 410-966-6070 for info.

Top ten reasons to give

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- “In celebration of Thanksgiving please remember those that are less fortunate by making a donation to CFC,” Bell said. “We want to wish all a wonderful holiday.”
- 10 Reasons to Donate to CFC**
1. At least one, if not multiple Combined Federal Campaign charities, have had (or will have in the future) an impact in your life or the life of someone you care about.
 2. Federal employees have more job security than most people in the United States today.
 3. It is easier than ever before to give to one or more charities online.
 4. Many charities depend on federal employees’ generosity through the CFC to keep their doors open to the public. Through your CFC pledge, these non-profit organizations can continue to provide critically needed health and human services to the community, country and planet.
 5. If you haven’t given to the CFC before, consider a small dollar amount per pay. It’s amazing to see how far a charity can make \$1, \$2, or even \$5 per pay go. (Twelve months for military and 26 months for civilians).
 6. Giving to the CFC through payroll deduction is a safe, proven, and easy way to make a larger donation feel not quite so large as your total pledge is incrementally deducted from your paycheck over the course of the year, beginning with the first pay period of 2011.
 7. Think of those less fortunate than yourself.
 8. Attend a CFC special event. They’re a fun and relaxing way to take a step away from the stresses of life to celebrate philanthropy and show your enthusiasm for the CFC.
 9. Compete for a CFC auction item. It’s just like E-Bay, but the benefits go to the CFC and you come away with a great gift. Check out the online-auction items to see what you might find.
 10. Giving is its own reward.

We want your feedback. Visit <http://ice.disa.mil>. Click on “ARMY” then “Aberdeen Proving Ground.”

Post Shorts

RAB meeting Dec. 2

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Dec. 2 at the Ramada Conference Center, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood.

Topics will include Other Edgewood Areas, Aberdeen Study Area and Western Boundary Study Area.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line, 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

Ongoing contruction prompts traffic alerts APG for motorists

■ As of Nov. 15, the outbound shoulder of Aberdeen Boulevard will be closed between Swan Creek Drive and Bel Air Street for construction at the Army Test and Evaluation Command headquarters building. The shoulder will remain closed until the end of the year. Please use caution in the area.

■ On Friday, November 19, DIXIE contractors will install detour signs along Hoadley Road and divert traffic onto Blackhawk Road to install underground steam piping. Concrete barricades will be placed across Hoadley at the intersection of Webster Road to prevent through traffic. This detour will be in effect for about three days.

Proposed detour routes for traffic are:
Hoadley Road South Bound Traffic:
Left on Blackhawk Road
Right on Fleming Road
Left or Right back onto Hoadley Road
Hoadley Road North Bound Traffic:
Right on Fleming Road
Left on Blackhawk Road
Right or Left back onto Hoadley Road
For more information, call 410-306-1129.

■ Temporary roads closures and traffic rerouting will take place due to ongoing construction associated with Bldg. E5236's Canal Creek Groundwater Treatment Plant.

The road closures, expected to begin Friday, Nov. 19, and last through December, include:

- a portion of 14th Street south of Fleming Road
- a section of an unnamed loop road north of Bldg. E5236, and
- the visitor parking lot associated with Bldg. E5233, directly north of Bldg. E5236.

For more information, call DPW's Jeff Aichroth at 410-306-1735.

AFTB hosts independence training Dec. 7-8

The installation's Army Family Team Building will host a Level III volunteer-supported class to teach individuals and families how to be more independent within the military environment.

The class will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 7-8 in ACS Bldg. 2503, second floor, in the CYS conference room # 214. Pre-registration is required. For information, call Tina Helmick, AFTB program manager at 410-278-2453. On Dec. 8 after the AFTB Level III graduation, there will be a 17-year AFTB birthday celebration.

Spouses Club seeking fave recipes for new cookbook

The Military and Civilian Spouse Club is looking for recipes to include Family favorites, entertaining delights, holiday specials, and more for a new MCSC cookbook. It has been almost 10 years since the last cookbook.

Anyone affiliated with APG or in the local community can turn in their favorite recipes. Pre-orders are being accepted now. Save \$2.50 per book by ordering now. Cookbooks will have a padded cover with artwork done by a local military Family member.

Cookbooks will be in a 3-ring binder with stand and include 300 to 400 recipes. The MCSC Cookbook with stand costs \$15 each or \$25 each with a CD. Don't miss out.

Submit recipes and pre-order a book now. Simply mail recipes to APG MCSC Cookbook, PO Box 52, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005. Delivery date is April 2011.

For more information, call Annie Brock, 443-686-1484 or e-mail president@apgmcsc.org.

NAF Open Season begins

All enrollment options will be available during Open Season to Regular Full-time and Part-time employees with the exception of Long Term Care which will be available only with Evidence of Insurability.

Health plan participants must enroll their dependent children, age 19-26 who were previously enrolled but aged out of coverage at 19, dependents who were never enrolled because they were over 18, and dependents age 19-26 who were covered as a full-time student.

If you have dependents ages 19-26 failure to update your records during Open Season will result in these children not being eligible for coverage until the next Open Season.

FSA's also require yearly election. Since employees will need a variety of information and/or documents, they should contact NAF Human Resources Office, 410-278-5127/8992/8994 to arrange an appointment as soon as possible if they wish to add dependents and/or update their records.

Changes requiring Open Season eligibility will be effective 1 Jan 2011 provided the employee is actively at work.

Call ACS to sponsor military Family for the holidays

With the holiday season fast approaching, the nation is still facing its greatest economic challenge since the great depression while still fighting the War on Terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground community is constantly reminded of the great sacrifice of the men and women in the U.S. armed forces. During these difficult and stressful times, some military Families are experiencing financial hardship and require additional assistance.

Army Community Service works closely with these military Families providing supportive services throughout the year. To make this holiday season a little bit brighter for some of these Families, Army Community Services is hosting the Holiday Sponsor program. Individuals, groups, and/or agencies desiring to sponsor a military Family can contact Arcelio V. Alleyne, ACS Financial Readiness Program Manager, 410.278.2450, fax 410.278.9685, or e-mail arcelio.alleyne@us.army.mil.

Thanksgiving Day meal set at Aberdeen DFAC Nov. 25.

The Thanksgiving Day Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facility, Bldg. 4503 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E4225, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday Nov. 25.

During this event all military personnel, Family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The holiday meal rate of \$7 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and Family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilians, retirees and their guests.

The holiday discount meal rate of \$5.95 applies to spouses and other Family members of enlisted personnel in the ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The menu includes hearty turkey and wild rice soup, shrimp cocktail, roast turkey with gravy, baked ham with raisin sauce, carved to order beef top round, cornbread dressing, savory bread dressing, mashed potatoes, candied yams, steamed broccoli, buttered corn, green beans almondine, assorted salad bar, fruit salad, cucumber salad, Waldorf salad, cranberry sauce, assorted breads, buttered hot rolls, bread sticks, assorted traditional pies, assorted fresh fruits, hard candies and mixed nuts, soft serve ice cream with assorted toppings, egg nog and assorted beverages. Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green, 410-278-3142 or 3892.

CPR, defibrillator classes offered monthly

Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services is offering CPR and automated external defibrillator classes on APG.

Two classes will be held 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month.

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, Dec. 15. Class size will be limited to 30 participants.

For more information or to register, call Mike Davis, 410-306-0572, or e-mail michael.ray.davis@us.army.mil.

Edgewood Area kicks off holiday season with food, toy and gift drive

The Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground has kicked off the 2010 holiday season with its 23rd Annual Food, Toy and Gift Drive. Through Dec 7, volunteers will collect donations from 30 locations across the area and workforce members are encouraged to support this charitable event with generous donations of new toys and gifts for all ages, as well as non-perishable food items.

Collected items will be donated to the Mason Dixon Community Services, an organization that provides emergency food and energy assistance to low-income residents in Harford County, and to Extreme Family Outreach, an organi-

zation that provides after school and summer programs for elementary- and middle school-aged youth in Edgewood, Joppatowne, and Havre de Grace.

Goods will be delivered after the Food, Toy and Gift Drive closing ceremony at the ECBC Berger Auditorium Dec. 7. Army Community Service, Mason Dixon Community Services, and Extreme Family Outreach will ensure the delivery of donations to families in need.

For more information, contact Beth Hirsh of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center at 410-436-5185.

BOSS volunteers serve lunch to homeless

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS), along with single and married Soldiers from units and companies assigned to the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas of APG, will serve lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the third Saturday of each month at the Eastern Family Resource Center located at 9100 Franklin Square Drive in Rosedale, Md. BOSS representatives will wear BOSS T-shirts; military and civilian volunteers can wear company t-shirts and civilian attire.

For more information, call Cpl. Mathew Beach, 410-652-2710 or BOSS President Spc. Carlos Rios, 410-306-2649.

Freedom Award nomination season begins

The nomination season for the 2011 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award has begun. Guard and Reserve service members and their Families are encouraged to nominate employers who have provided exceptional support of military employees above federal law requirements. Nominations are being accepted at www.freedomaward.mil through Jan. 17.

The 2011 Freedom Award recipients will be announced in the spring and honored in Washington, D.C. during the 16th Annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony Sept. 22.

Almost one-half of the U.S. military is comprised of Guard and Reserve. The Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 under the auspices of ESGR to recognize exceptional support from the employer community.

For more information about the nomination process, visit www.freedomaward.mil or call Beth Sherman, ESGR Public Affairs, at 703-696-1717 or by e-mail at ESGR-PA@osd.mil.

Registration opens for UMUC classes at APG

Register now for Spring 2011 University of Maryland University College classes at APG.

BEHS 364 Alcohol in U.S. Society (3 credits), Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Jan. 24 through March 9, Online Hybrid Class

IFSM 304 Ethics in the Information Age (3 credits), Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., March 15 through May 15, Online Hybrid Class

Additional classes are available through distance education formats.

For more information or to register, visit the Aberdeen Proving Ground office of UMUC, building 4305, room 210, or call 410-272-8269 or 410-306-2048 or visit www.umuc.edu.

New way to dial on-post numbers

Dialing on-post numbers has changed. Instead of dialing the prefixes 3, 4, 5 or 6 plus the 4-digit extension, APG employees must dial the 3-digit prefix plus the 4-digit extension. This is the second part of a dialing plan introduced to the installation in May when the DSN prefix changed from 8 to 9-4 and the commercial prefix changed from 9 to 9-9. APG employees are asked to change publications and Web pages to reflect the new 7-digit number. Also, change any pre-programmed speed dial numbers to the 7-digit number. For more information call Allan Herlinger, 410-278-3367.

Support Native American Heritage by volunteering

The APG Native American Heritage planning committee is looking for volunteers. Anyone who would like to join, contact Sgt. First Class LaQuita Wimbley, Equal Opportunity Advisor, 410-306-2053; Jan Burke, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, 410-278-1161; or Linda Patrick, 410-436-1023.

Health Clinic restaurant open for business

Ruben's Rotisserie and Grill, located on the first floor of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, is now open for business. Ruben's Rotisserie and Grill serves a variety of breakfast and lunch items including sandwiches, salad, soup, pizza,

snacks deserts, coffee, tea, and assorted beverages. The restaurant is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information call 540-446-2474, or email ruben@rubensrotisserie.com. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

APG needs your input

The Army Family Action Plan process, reviews, prioritizes, and resolves issues solicited from the community.

Members of the community submit issues and participate in prioritizing them at the annual AFAP Conference. Issues beyond the scope of the local level are sent to the regional AFAP Conference.

Input is needed from Soldiers, civilian employees, Family members, retirees, and youth. Issues may be in any area affecting members of the military community.

You may submit an issue in any area you feel is important to your well-being.

For more information and to submit an issue, e-mail Marilyn Howard at marilyn.e.howard@us.army.mil or call 410-278-9669. Issues can also be submitted through the AFAP Web site on the APG Home Page www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/services/ACS/AFAP_Issue.cfm

See APG Newswatch

The APG video news program, APG Newswatch, is available for viewing online at <http://www.army.mil/media/amp/?bctid=604972674001>.

The lineup includes:
RDECOM Receives the Army Superior Unit Award; CECOM Holds their Casing of the Colors Ceremony at Ft. Monmouth as they officially move to APG; The Chesapeake Science and Security Consortium meet at the HEAT Center discussing the APG transformation; Two state-of-the-art Army Test facilities open; APG Police, Firefighters and EMS Personnel honored in ceremony at Ripken Stadium; RDECOM NCO's take Professional Development training at APG to look at how Science supports the Warfighter; Three long-time Army employees retire; Top of the Bay closes for six months for major upgrade.

TSA Secure Flight Program

The Army G-4 has announced that effective Nov. 1, TSA will require all passengers to have Secure Flight Passenger Data (SFPD) in their reservation at least 72 hours prior to departure. SFPD includes the traveler's full name (without rank, titles, and/or suffixes), date of birth, and gender. The traveler's full name must match the government issued ID card used at the airport. Currently, the Defense Travel System requires verification of this information each time a traveler creates an authorization.

For more information, visit <https://forums.bcks.army.mil/Community-Browser.aspx?id=1192183>

Overseas travel briefings

The CECOM G2 reminds all government personnel to attend required briefings prior to official and non-official overseas travel. Briefing requirements vary based on destination, security concerns, and nature of travel. Contact your organization's local security office for more information. For more information call Bob DiMichele, 410-417-0358.

Transportation suggestions needed

As the population of APG continues to grow, traffic congestion and delays will increase and affect the quality of life of the APG workforce.

APG, working with Army leadership and the surrounding communities to find a solution to mitigate these effects, needs your help. The Transportation Demand Management Council asks that you participate in a survey which will assist APG officials in determining the demand and interest in alternative forms of transportation at APG. This includes carpools and vanpools as well as mass transit options such as buses and trains. The survey will allow APG to identify the characteristics of the typical APG commuter and thus identify the most effective solutions to prevent traffic gridlock and long commutes.

One potential solution is better access to train and bus service in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. However, in order to establish trains and commuter bus routes to APG, we need to demonstrate to the state and local communities that there exists a demand. We cannot achieve this goal without your help.

Using your AKO account, fill out the survey at: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/640015>.

For more information, call Eric Pils-maker, 410-278-8607, or email, eric.pils-maker@us.army.mil.

(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.)

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 27
LENAPETURKEY RATTLE

Create a ceremonial Turkey Rattle that was used by the Lenape Indians of Delaware. This program will be held 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult; ages 8 to 10 must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required. For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 28
SOCK HOP HIKE

During a hike through the Park meadows, explore plants' abilities to disperse seeds. Return to the Center to sample some tasty seeds as a reward. This program will be held 1 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult; ages 8 to 10 must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$2 per person. Registration is required. For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 30
BEGIN TRAINING FOR THE
AMERICAN ODYSSEY RELAY

The American Odyssey Relay is a 200-mile running competition in which teams of 12 run from Gettysburg, Pa. to Washington, D.C. The historic course takes competitors through Civil War landmarks, scenic country roads and past D.C. monuments. Relay dates are April 29 to 30. Fees are \$1,200 per team until Dec 31; fees will be \$1,320 after. A portion of the profits from all race registrations will be donated to Hope For The Warriors®, which also plans to enter teams in the relay to compete and raise funds. For more information about Hope For The Warriors® please visit www.hope-forthewarriors.org. For more information about the relay please visit www.AmericanOdysseyRelay.com.

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 2
GREENING YOUR HOLIDAYS

Curious about the greening trend but wonder what to do to green the home for the holidays? Learn how to green

the holidays and save some green at the same time. This program will be held 7 to 8 p.m. for ages 14 to adult. The cost is \$2 per person or \$5 per Family. Registration is required. For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 3
FIRST FRIDAY "LIGHT UP
NIGHT

Havre de Grace Main Street First Friday's "Light Up Night" kicks off the holiday season at 6 p.m. Santa will arrive in style on The Susquehanna Hose Company's fire truck up St. John Street to Washington St. in Havre de Grace. Experience the Winter Wonderland sponsored by the Havre de Grace Chamber of Commerce with new lights throughout downtown and the lighting of the City's Christmas tree donated by the Havre de Grace Masons, Susquehanna Lodge 130. The Havre de Grace High School Warrior Marching Band and the Havre de Grace Middle School Band will perform. Tell Santa your Christmas wishes at the new Santa's workshop on Washington Street and warm up with the charm of Havre de Grace. During the holiday season, the shops may have extended hours and many specials to remind visitors to shop and dine local. For more information, call 410-939-2100.

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 4
STORYBOOK CHRISTMAS IN
ABERDEEN

Events include breakfast with Santa 7 to 11 a.m. at Grace Methodist Church (tickets available at the door); Nativity scene display, 1 to 2 p.m. at Grace Methodist Church; a Christmas Craft Fair 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Aberdeen Fire House and street entertainment, 2 p.m., on West Bel Air Avenue. See the window contest winners. The Christmas Street Parade begins on West Bel Air Avenue - Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive on their sleigh. Santa will visit with children and hear their wishes in Aberdeen Festival Park. For more information, call 410-272-1600 or visit www.aberdeen-md.org.

TEXAS HOLD'EM
American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will

host a day of Texas Hold'em. The first game starts 1 p.m., the second game starts 6 p.m. Register by noon and 5 p.m. with a \$50 buy in. First come, first served. There will be sandwiches and light fare available. For more information, call 410-642-2771.

**KNEE-HIGH ADVENTURES -
HIBERNATION**

Let's go explore. Participants are out and about on the Discovery Trail investigating nature with songs, games and sensory activities. This program will be held 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 3 to 5 with adult. The cost is \$4 per class and registration is required. For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

**STAMPING IT UP NATURE
STYLE**

Take a walk to find natural items to use for printing. Then use these items to create impressions on tote bags or drawstring bags. This program will be held 1 to 2 p.m. for ages 4 to adult. The cost is \$5. Registration is required. For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 5
TAKING GREAT HOLIDAY
PHOTOS

Participants will learn how to improve skills at photographing people, places, events and objects during the holiday season. This program will be held 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 15 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required. For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

ALL DAY BINGO
American Legion Auxiliary Unit of Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street Perryville, will hold All Day Bingo, 12:30 p.m. Doors open at 11 a.m.; Early Bird Games starts at 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$25 per person and includes 50 games (all paper cards), meal and free coffee. No one under 18 is allowed in the Bingo Hall. No smoking is allowed. This event is open to the public. For more information please call 410-642-2771

NATURE TALES - HIBERNATION
Story time with a nature twist. Come listen to stories, learn new songs and move like the animals. This free program will be held at 3:30 p.m. for all ages. No registration is required. For more information or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
DECEMBER 4 AND 5
STEPPINGSTONE MUSEUM
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The Steppingstone Museum, located on 461 Quaker Bottom Road, Havre de Grace, will hold its annual Christmas Open House noon to 4 p.m., Dec. 5 and 6. Admission is free. There will be tours of the historic farmhouse decorated for the holidays, Christmas music, cookies and cider. The museum store will be open for holiday shopping. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, call 410-939-2299, 888-419-1762, e-mail steppingstonemuseum@msn.com or visit www.steppingstonemuseum.org.

MONDAY
DECEMBER 6
GUNPOWDER TOASTMASTERS

Going on a job interview? Giving a presentation? Toastmasters can help. Toastmasters will help you:

- Develop better speaking and presentation skills
- Learn to think quickly and clearly on your feet
- Build strong leadership abilities
- Hone your listening skills

You will learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced atmosphere. Visit the Gunpowder Toastmasters, Monday, Dec. 6 and begin to discover your confidence. The Gunpowder Toastmasters meet the first and third Mondays each month (except on federal holidays), 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. in the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility. We will be meeting Dec. 6 in Assembly Room B1. Visit <http://gunpowder.freetoasthost.info> for directions or call Heather McDowell at 410-436-7816 for more information.

(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.)



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Local champs

The U8 boys soccer players Luis Perez, left, and Jake Kegley, center, take on Havre de Grace players, and help their team to an ESSL (Eastern/Southern Harford County Soccer League) championship.

Holiday worship services

There will be a combined Christmas Eve Candelight Service, 7 p.m., Dec. 24, at the Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 2485. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Main Post Chapel (Aberdeen Area)

Catholic Mass

Wed., Nov. 24	Mass of Thanksgiving	6:30 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 28	First Sunday of Advent	8:45 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 5	Second Sunday of Advent	8:45 a.m.
Wed., Dec. 8	Holy Day/Obligation	11:45 a.m.
Sat., Dec. 11	Hispanic Mass/Social	4:30 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 12	Third Sunday of Advent	8:45 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 24	Christmas Caroling	11:30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 24	Midnight Mass	midnight
Sat., Dec. 25	Mass	9 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 26	Holy Family	8:45 a.m.
Sat., Jan. 1	Holy Day	11:45 a.m.

Protestant worship

Sun., Nov. 18	First Sunday of Advent	10:15 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 5	Second Sunday of Advent	10:15 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 12	Christmas Cantata	10:15 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent	10:15 a.m.

Sun., Dec. 26	First Sunday in Christmas	10:15 a.m.
Gospel worship		
Sun., Nov. 28	First Sunday of Advent	noon
Sun., Dec. 5	Second Sunday of Advent	noon
Sat., Dec. 11	Dance/Drama Play	4 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 12	Third Sunday of Advent	noon
Sun., Dec. 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent	noon
Sun., Dec. 26	First Sunday in Christmas	noon
Fri., Dec. 31	Watch Night Service	midnight

Edgewood Area

Catholic Mass

Sun., Nov. 28	First Sunday of Advent	10:45 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 5	Second Sunday of Advent	10:45 a.m.
Wed., Dec. 8	Holy Day/Obligation	noon
Sun., Dec. 12	Third Sunday of Advent	10:45 a.m.
Sat., Dec. 18	Penance Service	4:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 18	Holiday Dinner	5:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 18	Stable Liturgy	7 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent	10:45 a.m.
Sat., Dec. 25	Mass	11:15 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 26	Holy Family	10:45 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 31	Holy Day	6:30 p.m.

Protestant worship

Sun., Nov. 28	First Sunday of Advent	9:15 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 5	Second Sunday of Advent	9:15 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 12	Third Sunday of Advent	9:15 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent	9:15 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 26	First Sunday in Christmas	9:15 a.m.

Luncheon and Advent Wreath Workshop

There will be a Thanksgiving Luncheon and Advent Wreath Workshop at noon on Nov. 28 at the Edgewood Area Chapel, Bldg. E4620. Celebrate “Christmas Around the World,” 3 p.m., Dec. 5, at the main post chapel. For more information, call 410-278-4333.

Teen gains work experience at ACS through HIRED! program

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

An Aberdeen High School senior is getting work experience this school year by working at Army Community Service after her morning classes.

Paryss Whitehurst is one of several teens participating in the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's HIRED! program introduced to the APG community last year. The HIRED! program provides paid apprenticeships for 15-to 18-year-olds.

Whitehurst, who lives off post, said that her mother encouraged her to participate in the program because her school schedule allowed her to work in the afternoon.

"I have earned enough credits to attend school part-time and work part-time," Whitehurst said. "I wanted to get some job experience before graduating. When my mom told me about the HIRED! program I thought that it was something I would like to do."

Whitehurst makes information packets for Nancy Goucher, exceptional Family member program manager, Wilhelmina Cromartie relocation readiness program manager and Tina Helmick, volunteer program manager.

Whitehurst also assists in preparing for ACS events like the newcomer's orientation. She also helped ACS during their recent move to Bldg. 2503.

"I enjoy working here," Whitehurst said. "The people are friendly and I enjoy organizing the information packets."

Whitehurst added that the program has also helped her prepare for her educational future.

"I have enjoyed the college tours that are part of the HIRED! program," she said. "The college tour to (University of Maryland Baltimore Campus) helped me decide that I would like to attend that school."

Whitehurst said that she has also found out about leadership activities through her involvement in the HIRED! program. She served as a teen delegate



Paryss Whitehurst, left, a HIRED! teen prepares information packets for Nancy Goucher, right, exceptional Family member program manager. Whitehurst is working at Army Community Service through Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's HIRED! program which provides paid apprenticeships for 15-to 18-year-olds.

at this year's Army Family Action Planning conference and is also involved APG's recently formed Keystone Club which provides leadership development to teens 14 to 18.

Goucher said that she has enjoyed serving as an on-site mentor to Whitehurst.

"Paryss has a good work ethic and is very organized," Goucher said. "I think the HIRED! program is wonderful, it opens up opportunities for teens to gain experience in different work environments before the graduate high school. This program helps build character and develops future leaders."

About HIRED!

The HIRED! program offers a variety of job placements in Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities for teens of military and government civilians assigned to APG. To secure apprenticeships, candidates must

achieve and maintain a 2.0 grade point average or higher before completing a pre-assessment

and interviews with facility managers. Depending on the skills and interest teens show in these interviews, they are placed under the direct supervision of a designated on-site mentor who is responsible for tutoring their individual apprentices. Some of the career options offered in the HIRED! program include: education, child and/or youth development, marketing or graphic design, library and information science, food and beverage management, pet care education, information technology, sports studies and sports management. Students may participate in the program twice a year and can participate in the program every year while they are between the ages of 15 and 18.

During the summer, apprentices are allowed to serve two terms at one time,

COLLEGE 101 FOR TEENS DEC. 1 MONEY MATTER FOR TEENS DEC. 2

TIME MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION FOR TEENS DEC. 8

Register at Bldg. 2503. Call 410-278-3250 or e-mail jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil.

meaning they would participate 30 hours during a seven-day period. There is also potential for the stipend to increase depending on the number of times the student enrolls in the program. Additional requirements for the students include

participating in other career preparation enrichment activities such as workshops and classes where students learn how to fill out financial aid forms and scholarship applications. Students will also be expected to keep a journal of their experience.

Jay McKinney, a youth workforce preparation specialist with APG's Child Youth and School Services office, said that the program offers more than just a job. It offers valuable experience for teens.

"Teens will receive experience that will make them competitive in future job opportunities and college applications," McKinney said. "Students will develop work and life skills, like customer service, and resume writing, that will be applicable to any job they might pursue in the future."

For more information about the HIRED! program contact McKinney, 410-278-3250, who is now signing up teens for the next semester, which starts Dec. 6. Orientation for next semester will be held in the ACS building 2503, Nov. 20 at 9:00 a.m.

APG staff welcomes submissions

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offerings by on-post agencies. In addition, the Family and MWR section lists MWR events and specials.

- Standalone Photos – Fridays – six days before publication – by noon. Standalone photos are a great way for us to capture or publicize an event when we are unable to write an article. Photos are attention grabbers, and sometimes a more effective way to get your message out. When submitting photos, please include caption information. This includes identification (full name, title and unit or organization). To run a submitted photo of a child, we must have written consent from a parent or guardian. Caption info for children should include identification, age and name them as the son or daughter of [service member or civilian parent's name here]. For all photos, include the name of the photographer so we can give them photo credit.

- Fliers: We generally do not run fliers. Please send the information you wish to have published in full-sentence format so we can include it in the Community Notes or Post Shorts sections. Whether or not we publish announcements is based on available space and priority (Does one event take place before another? Can an announcement be held one weekly and still remain timely? Has the announcement run several weeks in a row?). However, do not hesitate to e-mail the editor to find out why an announcement has not been published.

Types of stories needed:

- If you want to write a story, e-mail or call the editor prior to writing it. The editor will discuss the idea with you and may suggest an angle more suited to the paper's needs.
- The APG News is interested in stories about people—how they do their jobs, their hobbies, their families, their traditions, their plans—any aspects that readers would find interesting. Testing, Training and Transformation are important to Aberdeen Proving Ground, but the people who develop training and live the transformation are more interesting to our readers.
- If you want the APG News to cover a story, let us know. The APG News boasts an experienced and award-winning staff that is always interested in good ideas.
- Several organizations at Aberdeen Proving Ground have their own public affairs personnel, who can be contacted directly before calling the APG News. They include:

U.S. Army Developmental Test Command (DTC) - 410-278-1141

U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center (ATC) - 410-306-4010

APG Visual Information Services Center - 410-306-1335

U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA) - 410-278-5532

CECOM Life Cycle Management Command (Forward) - 410-417-0558

U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA), Public Affairs Office - 410-436-1093

U.S. Army Element Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA) - 410-436-3398

U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) - 410-436-8797

U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) - 410-278-8603

U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) - 410-436-7118

20th Support Command (CBRNE... Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-yield Explosives) - 410-436-9057/6455

U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) (USAPHC) - 410-436-1770

U.S. Army Environmental Command (AEC) - 410-436-1651

U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense (MRICD) - 410-436-1861

Maryland National Guard - 410-576-6179
Environmental Conservation & Restoration Div. – Community Relations

Team - 410-676-8835 / 8718

- Even when the APG News staff cannot cover an event, write-ups and photos of the event from outside sources are welcome. Be sure to attach the name and phone number of someone who'll serve as a source of information.

- The APG News does not send reporters to cover most parties, dinners, dances, teas, clubs or organization elections, most award presentations, promotions, or check presentations. Army Regulation 360-81, which governs the operation of DA newspapers, points out that covering such events is not the function of the command information newspaper or the Public Affairs Office. The staff is interested in doing stories not on the award ceremony or check presentation, but why a person earned an award, or why a check is being presented. The paper will print the results of elections, or lists of award winners, when submitted.

- Please realize that submission does not guarantee printing. Some stories may be more suitable for the APG News homepage or one of the installation's social media sites.

Letters to the Editor:

- Letters to the editor are welcome and will be published, as possible, along with a response from the appropriate agency.

- We can publish anonymous letters, but name and contact info must be provided to the editor to confirm it is a valid letter to the editor. The contact info will

not be printed or provided to anyone other than the newspaper staff.

Photos:

- The APG News staff uses jpg digital format photos for all its photo requirements, and prefers all submissions to be in this format.

- If you don't have a digital image, submit a hard copy. The editor will look it over.

- If you need advice on shooting photos for the paper, contact us.

- Upon request, photos used by the APG News will be returned. Write your contact information on the back of the photograph, and allow one week for the return of the items from the printer.

Editing and style:

- All written submissions to the APG News become the property of the APG News.

- The APG News reserves the right to edit items submitted to the paper for printing.

- The APG News uses Associated Press style, the same as all major U.S. and international civilian newspapers. It's also the style used by TRADOC News Service, Army News Service, and DoD's American Forces Press Service.

- The APG News adheres to AP style for military rank.

Stringers:

- These are volunteer representatives who want to write about the goings-on in the various post units, organizations, schools, housing areas, and directorates. We provide the byline, and the volunteer earns instant recognition. If registered with the Army Volunteer Corps, the stringer earns volunteer hours.

- Unit commanders and directorate heads who want information on setting up stringers for their units, or individuals who want to volunteer, should call 410-278-1150 / DSN 298-1150.

Corrections:

- Verified errors will be corrected, along with a brief explanation of why they were made, in the next edition of the APG News.

- Corrections will generally run in the Post Shorts section of the paper.

Complaints or comments:

- If you have complaints, comments, or questions about something that appeared in the APG News, or about the paper in general, contact the editor at 410-278-1150 / DSN 298-1150.

Newest staff member former Army journalist

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Before joining the Army, Foss worked as a freelance reporter for the New Bern Sun Journal while attending Craven Community College.

She joined the Army in 1996.

She served as a photojournalist for the Indianhead, the newspaper of the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

She also served as a general assignments reporter and photographer before becoming the (Soldier, and later GS civilian) associate editor for Fort Knox's Turret newspaper.

Foss became the editor of the Bavarian News in Grafenwoehr, Ger-

many, in 2006 and the editor of The Outlook in Vicenza, Italy, in 2009.

She has earned numerous Army and civilian journalism awards.

Foss spent her junior year in 1987 with the Education Foundation for Foreign Study as an international exchange student in Aachen, Germany, where she developed her love of travel.

She is a movie buff who loves trivia, reading and spending time with her family. Foss and husband Jeremy have three children.



Photo by JENNIFER CARROLL

It's that time of year

(From left) Timothy Waldrop and Alfred Clark, maintenance workers from the APG Garrison's Directorate of Public Works, put up a sign announcing the start of the Edgewood Area Food, Toy and Gift Drive, which runs through December and benefits Harford County children and Families.

Army to track wounded with new, improved e-Profile system

Story by
ALEXANDRA HEMMERLY-BROWN
Army News Service

The Army is using a new computer-based tracking system to provide more consistent care for injured Soldiers.

The program, called e-Profile, is replacing the practice of hand-written temporary profiles for Soldiers. A profile allows Soldiers to opt out of certain physical activities temporarily while they recover from illness or injury.

The problem with hand-written profiles is that there is no way to track them, as they aren't entered into a database, and they can be easily lost, said Col. Kelly Wolgast, chief nurse executive of U.S. Army Medical Command. Wolgast explained that problems would arise when Soldiers would report to a new unit. No record of the Soldiers' prior injuries would come with them.

e-Profile now keeps a permanent digital record of temporary injuries by connecting with the Medical Protection System, known as MEDPROS, the Army's medical database. That way, if a Soldier is injured while training on another post or has an appointment with a new doctor, medical personnel can immediately see the Soldier's profile history.

"We were looking for tools to provide education to commanders about the management of medically not-ready Soldiers," Wolgast said of the program.

Initiated as a pilot program this summer at Ireland Army Community Hospital at Fort Knox, Ky., and Winn Army Community Hospital at Fort Stewart, Ga., medical management centers aim to



Photo by SPC. MIKE MACLEOD

Sgt. Michael Poindexter, a paratrooper assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division (Advise and Assist Brigade), closes in on the finish line of a two-mile run during an Army Physical Fitness Test April 18 at Camp Ramadi, Iraq.

ensure Soldiers tend to even minor injuries so they can return to their units and be prepared for deployments.

"The impacts of preparing for, conducting, and returning from combat have clearly impacted the Army, and we know

Soldiers have medical issues that they don't attend to," Wolgast said.

She said Soldiers sometimes ignore ailments, but small injuries can turn into more serious ones if left unattended.

"If Soldiers are not as healthy as they

can be, it's not good for the Soldier(s) or their unit," Wolgast explained.

The pilot, which will conclude at the end of the month, will then transition into an implementation phase throughout the Army.

Army fields flame-resistant uniforms

Fire suits offer added protection

Story by
KRIS OSBORN
Army News Service

The Army has begun to deploy special, high-tech flame-resistant uniforms engineered to safeguard Soldiers in aircraft and armored vehicles who could be exposed to fire and flames during an attack, service officials said.

Called Fire Resistant Environmental Ensemble, or FREE, the uniforms are manufactured with specially-knit flame-resistant fabrics designed to provide lightweight protection and safeguard Soldiers from flames, wind and extreme temperatures.

"FREE is a cold- and wet-weather clothing system developed for our aviators and armored-vehicle crewmen who have a very high requirement for flame-resistant uniforms. In addition to providing all-weather capability in terms of keeping our Soldiers warm and comfortable and able to operate in any environment, it has very high levels of flame protection," said Col. William Cole, project manager for Soldier Protection and Individual Equipment, the office which buys body armor and uniforms for the Army.

"If Soldiers are in a flash fire in an armored vehicle or aircraft, they are protected. They won't be burned," Cole said.

The first uniforms, designed in the standard Universal Camouflage Pattern, were deployed a few months ago, Cole said. In the next few months, aviators slated to deploy to Afghanistan will be issued MultiCam FREE uniforms, he added.

"We are very happy to be fielding this," Cole said.



Photo by SPC. MIKE MACLEOD

Soldiers wearing the new Fire Resistant Environmental Ensemble, or FREE uniform, examine the turret of an M1 Abrams tank.